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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink."

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A Well Fought Fight

The representatives of the seven Provinces
dissenting from the Transport Board's ruling on
the freight rates issue have scored a substantial
victory in gaining this week a three-months delay
in the hearings on the railway application for a
new increase based on the recent wages boost.

- 1. That the railways failed to establish financial
need in hearings before the board.
2. That the board did not make full enough
investigation into some claims of the railroads.
3. That the railways failed to show they had
effected all possible economies through co-operation
between the two big systems.

The central issue, of course, is that on a
flat-rate basis the Maritime and Western Provinces
suffer most heavily from the payment of higher
freight rates. A fairer arrangement would be the
granting of a subsidy to the railways to meet any
necessary rising costs, but the Central Provinces
object to this proposal on the ground that they would
bear the greatest burden if the increased railway costs were
met by taxation.

The Liberal Premiers of the three Maritime
Provinces have fought shoulder to shoulder on this
issue and have not hesitated to oppose their own
party leaders at Ottawa in no uncertain terms. This
is the most significant feature of the case politically,
and it is one on which they are to be wholeheartedly
commended.

Farmers' Dollars

Farmers' cash receipts for the first six
months of 1948, says an Ottawa dispatch, were
\$989,572,000 as compared with \$742,626,000 and
\$636,244,000 for the same periods in 1947 and
1946 respectively. The farmer has earned that
better position because he has done two grand
jobs these past ten years. One is that of production;
the other that of paying off debts.

Today's dollars will not buy the same quantity
of articles the farmer buys as the dollar would in
1947 and 1946 and very decidedly not as much as
the dollar would buy before the war. But those dollars
are just as good for paying debts as they ever were.
Indeed debts may never be repaid with cheaper dollars
than this year. While living costs have gone up
enormously, debts are a fixed amount and so when a
debt is paid today the payment represents a far
smaller quantity of goods than it did before the war
or when the debt was incurred.

Canada By Families

During the six years from the 1941 census
to June, 1947, the number of families in Canada
increased by approximately 20 per cent. On the
other hand, there was a decline in the average
size of the family. The estimated number of
families in June last year was 3,042,000, which
is an increase of 516,701 over the number recorded
in the 1941 census. This gain is shared by all
provinces, the increases ranging from 11 per cent
for British Columbia. For the Maritime Provinces
the rise in number is estimated at 15 per cent;
Quebec, 25 per cent; and Ontario, 18 per cent.

Ontario had an estimated 1,073,000 families
consisting of 3,680,000 persons in June last
year. Quebec had 812,000 with an aggregate
of 3,516,000 persons; the three Prairie Provinces,
591,000, with 2,170,000 persons; British Columbia,
293,000 families with a total of 966,000 persons;
and the Maritime Provinces, 273,000 with 1,083,000
persons.

Average size of Canadian families in 1947
was 3.7 persons as compared with 3.9 persons
at the 1941 census, the bureau estimates showing
a decrease in every region. In the Maritime
Provinces the average size declined from
4.2 in 1941 to 4.0 persons; in Quebec, from 4.5
to 4.3; Ontario, from 3.6 to 3.4; Prairie Provinces,
from 4.0 to 3.7; and British Columbia, from
3.4 to 3.3 persons.

Due largely to the increase in marriages
and of first and second births over the period
1941 to 1947, increased numbers and propor-

tions of families in 1947, as compared with 1941,
consisted of two, three or four persons, and a
resulting decrease was shown in the proportion
with five or more persons. Seventy-five per cent
of all families were composed in 1947 of two to
four persons as compared with 70.8 per cent in
1941.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The relief of Lucknow this date 1857.

The siege of Paris began this date 1870.

Tomorrow the 18th Sunday after Trinity,
or 19th after Pentecost.

Elsewhere, Daylight Saving is on the way
out, and standard time will be the rule from
Monday.

Isn't it characteristic of Israeli to offer \$20,000
instead of \$25,000 for information leading to the
arrest of Count Bernadotte's assassin?

The United Church, being short of 405
ministers, has decided by a 3 to 1 majority to
admit "Conschis" to the full benefits of the
Church's ministerial plan. No doubt the end,
in this case, justifies the means.

Canada has as much to worry about in
dwindling Commonwealth trade as has the
United Kingdom. The success of Sir Stafford
Cripps' mission will mean much to the long term
prosperity of this country.

One aspect of prices which might repay
investigation by Ottawa's Prices Commission is
the high cost of government. If there is an index
figure it must make other increases look
very moderate indeed.

Would-be medical doctors are having a
tough time. A spokesman for the Faculty of
Medicine at McGill told The Gazette that out
of a total of 2,000 applicants this year, most of
whom are qualified, the faculty can only accept
116.

The Conservative leadership race seems to
have narrowed down to two favorites, Premier
George Drew of Ontario and John Diefenbaker,
M.P. for Lake Centre, Saskatchewan. Nomination
of Mr. Diefenbaker will be moved by Gen.
G. R. Pearkes, V.C., and seconded by Mr. B. Roy
Holman.

Continuance of strife in the Holy City and
its eventual domination by either Jews or Arabs
must give pain to adherents of Christian, Jewish
and Moslem faiths, except perhaps to the
one which gets control. The solution of internationalizing
Jerusalem is one which should appeal
to all but the most extreme of all parties.

It may, or may not, be significant but no
sooner is Prime Minister King safely out of the
way at Ottawa than Canada decides to join in
the Berlin Airlift. It should be borne in mind
it is not a one-way operation designed solely to
maintain strategic occupation of that city. The
flying out of undernourished children is a
humanitarian act performed without regard to
self-interest.

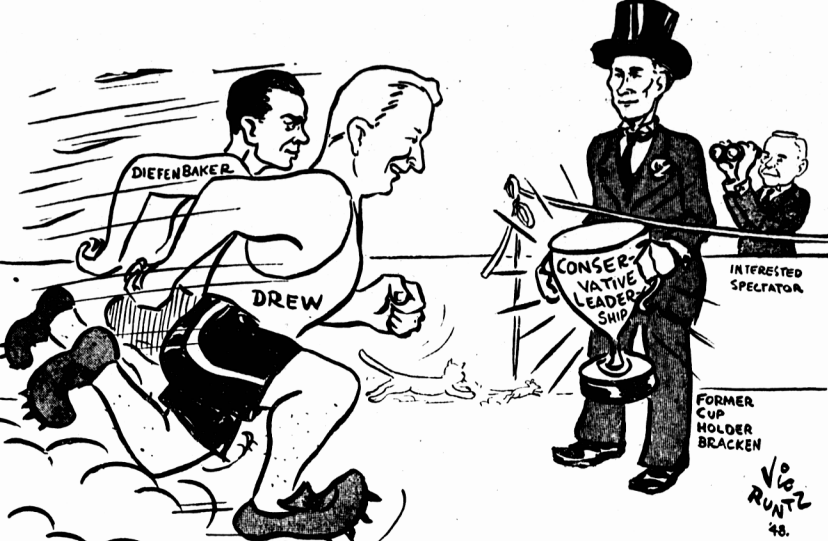
Mrs. Felicia Dorothea Hemans, English
poetess, born this date 1793; started to publish
her poems in book form at the age of fifteen.
Her chief works are The Sceptic, Vespers of
Palermo, Siege of Valencia, The Last
Constantine and other Poems, Lays of Many Lands,
Records of Women, Songs of the Affections,
Hymns for Childhood, and Songs for Music;
"Talk not of grief till thou has seen the tears
of walking men!"

Barring unfavorable international circum-
stances, Canadian business in general anticipates
a continuation of boom conditions for the
balance of the year, according to Hardware and
Metal & Electrical Dealer. "Production of most
commodities will increase and prices will con-
tinue to hold their current strength," the hard-
ware business paper predicts. "Public buying
will remain unsatisfied, although continued high
prices may affect quantity of sales in some lines.
Dollar sales volume is expected to exceed that
of 1947."

Mr. L. B. Pearson, Secretary of State for
External Affairs, shown the story reprinted from
Montreal Matin in which he was quoted
as stating during an air ride between Van-
couver and Winnipeg that there would be an
election in the fall and after a temporary cut
in income taxes, made the following reply: "The
Montreal story asserts that I made certain state-
ments while flying between Vancouver and Win-
nipeg three weeks ago. At that time I happened
to be at my desk in Ottawa. Moreover, never in
my life have I flown between Vancouver and
Winnipeg. Then, as for the other parts of the
despatch, they are in a class with that which I
have just denied. They are, in other words, just
100 per cent inaccurate."

People are already beginning to look forward
to Christmas. "So far there's nothing en-
couraging in sight as to imports of nuts in the
shell for Christmas," says Canadian Grocer.
"Apart from peanuts, they were on Mr. Abbott's
banned list of last November," states the grocery
business paper. "Representations have been
made to Ottawa to put them on a quota basis,
and if the Government does relax its restrictions
this might happen any time. Otherwise we
are going to be short of nuts in the shell during
coming months." Some wholesalers may have a
few walnuts and almonds in the shell left over
from last year—more almonds, perhaps, than
walnuts. Some retailers, too, have a few left.
Providing they have been kept in proper storage,
they may be used as displays for pre-Christmas
trade. Canada will, of course, have plenty
of various shelled nuts.

IN THE HOME STRETCH
AT THE CONSERVATIVE TRACK MEET.



Old Charlottetown
(And P. E. I.)

PISCATORIAL ABUNDANCE

The only limit to the use of fish in
Prince Edward Island is the
over-abundance. A fault that
newly arrived settlers at least
will not make matter of regret nor
complaint... A few pence pro-
cures a good-sized and well-
flavored Cod, at all times when
the waters are open to the fish-
ermen, and the picture may here
cheaply indulge his appetite.

Sacred White King
Of Britain's North

(Robert Parker in the Belfast
Telegraph)

In the seclusion of a large estate in
the North of England, the last
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appeal of the Provinces concern-

The Age-Old Story

To shall walk in all the ways
which the Lord your God hath
commanded you; that ye may
live, and that it may be well
with you, and that ye may pro-
long your days in the land which
ye shall possess.

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PISCATORIAL ABUNDANCE

The Dogfish family, the Skate
family, and the Lamprey family.
Shell fish are so abundant all
round Prince Edward Island that
no description would adequately
represent the real profusion. Lob-
sters, equal to any in the world,
and perhaps more abundant and
more easily obtained than any-
where else, are, strange to say—
perhaps from their very abundance
—neglected. So indeed are all
the shell-fish of the Island, except
oysters. Clams and Quahogs,
Muscles, Periwinkles, Welks,
Razor-fish, small Crabs, and several
kinds of Shrimps are all here; and
should people arrive who know a
little more than the present in-
habitants about these rich stores
of going and put them at their
real value, there will be more
general thankfulness to a gracious
Creator, and less of that crablike
retrogression, which, strange
to say, seems in some instances
to be the exact ratio of the opportu-
nities to proceed.

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Notes By The Way

Newspaper

Newspaper was manufactured
from wheat straw in Holyoke,
Mass., recently. It was the first
run of a new paper developed by
Kinsley Chemical Co. of Cleve-
land. If tests prove it can be used
successfully in high-speed news-
paper presses, the firm's president,
H. L. Kinsley, figures wheat-straw
paper can be marketed for \$35
to \$72 a ton. Wood pulp newspaper
costs \$100 a ton. Associated
Press.

Country fairs

Country fairs are built on the
daily work of families which are
knit into neighborly, freedom-
loving communities. Their exhibitors
from the field and the home, their
enjoyment of a program of
sports, reflect contentment and
happiness widely opposed to tense,
selfish competition often gen-
erated by complicated living
conditions created by overcrowd-
ing in large centres. — Fort Wil-
liam Times-Journal.

Five more weather stations

Five more weather stations, to
complete the network of thirteen
on the North Atlantic, will be
operating within the next nine
months, according to headquar-
ters of the International Civil
Aviation Organization. Already the
eight stations operating have dem-
onstrated their usefulness in
providing weather information
and in enhancing safety at sea
for ships and aircraft. Completion
of the network should contrib-
ute greatly to the safety of trans-
Atlantic travel. The ships
which man these stations (the
ships which really are the sta-
tions) are equipped to collect and
distribute important weather in-
formation which is valuable not
only to ships and aircraft en route,
but also to meteorologists ashore
as they chart the progress of
weather phenomena. The ships
also carry special radar and
equipment as navigational aid
and have the trained men and
work on the high seas. — Halifax
Herald.

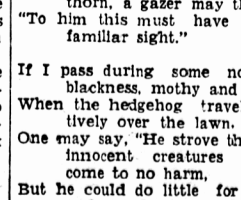
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